

CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

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CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

This report summarises North East Lincolnshire’s annual submission of Children in Need (CIN) Census data to the Department for Education (DfE). This return is a statutory requirement that is submitted to the DfE annually. The census data’s primary purpose is to help build a national data set about children in need of support and protection. This data helps the state to fulfil its obligations under the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child. Locally, this information helps local authorities when planning and commissioning services. In this sense it contributes to the following aims of the Council Plan:

- To deliver high quality statutory, targeted and universal services for children and young people in our borough
- To develop partnership strategies and commissioning arrangements that maximise the safety of all members of the community who may experience physical, emotional, economic, or social harm because of the actions of others.

The national data set that this report contributes to also enables valuable local comparisons to be made that would otherwise be very difficult without the structure of a centrally defined data collection.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report tells us about the number of children in North East Lincolnshire who, following a referral, are being currently assessed under Section 17 or 47 of the Children Act or who have already been assessed as requiring a service. This includes children in need, children on a child protection plan, children looked after and care leavers requiring services. These are some of the most vulnerable children in North East Lincolnshire.

Data for the year 2021 – 22 shows some positive downward trends such as a 13% reduction of children on a child protection plan (our second annual decrease) – however our rate of children on a child protection plan per 10 000 remains higher than both our statistical neighbours and the national average. This pattern (of moving in the right direction but still comparing unfavourably to statistical neighbours/ the England average) is repeated across a range of metrics.

Of concern is the high rate of children in need which has increased 7% on last year and continues to be significantly above the latest statistical neighbour and all England average.

Initial Child Protection Conference timeliness and Child Protection review timeliness has increased (91% and 98% respectively) and remains higher than comparators.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

This report is being shared with scrutiny panel in the interests of transparency. No requests are being made of the panel today – however it is hoped that sharing the report will provide assurances on the current position and provide an opportunity for the panel to seek clarification on any matters contained within.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

As noted above, the body of this report summarises North East Lincolnshire's annual submission of Children in Need Census data to the Department for Education (DfE). This return is a statutory requirement that is submitted to the DfE annually.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Submitting this data to the DfE ensures the council complies with its statutory obligations. This data is being shared with scrutiny for information, no proposals are being made.

3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no immediate reputational or communications considerations with regard to this statutory submission. The information is presented in the interests of transparency.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial considerations arising from this annual submission.

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

Complying with the annual CIN Census is important for children in North East Lincolnshire as it ensures that trends within the local population are captured and understood at a national level, and it assists with the planning and commissioning of local services.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct climate change and environmental implications arising from this annual submission.

7. MONITORING COMMENTS

In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

None

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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North East Lincolnshire CIN Census 2021-22 Analysis

This return relates to all children open at some point in the year to statutory children's services who following a referral are being currently assessed under Section 17 or 47 of the Children Act or who have already been assessed as requiring a service. This includes children in need, children on a child protection plan, children looked after and care leavers requiring services.

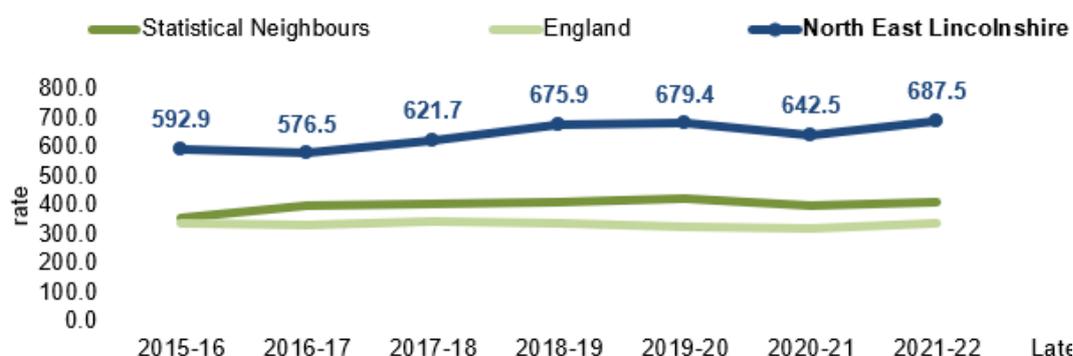
Headlines:

- 2369 children in need as of 31st March 2022, which equates to a rate of 688 per 10,000. This is a 7% increase from the previous year. The rate of CIN per 10,000 continues to be well above the latest stat neighbour and England average.
- 2,642 episodes of need started in 2021-22 which equates to a rate of 767 per 10,000. This is a 7% increase on the previous year
- 2,351 episodes of need were ended during 2021-22 which is a rate of 682 per 10,000. This is a 1% decrease on the previous year
- NEL received 3,222 referrals during 2021-22 which equates to a rate of 935 per 10,000. This is a 7% reduction on the previous year and is the second annual decrease in the number of referrals received. This however remains far higher than comparators with a rate of almost double to that of statistical neighbours (582) and England (538).
- 28% of referrals received during 2022-22 had had a previous referral within the last 12 months. This a positive reduction from 31% of referrals seen in 2021-22. Re-referrals however remain higher than stat neighbours (18%) and England average (22%).
- NEL completed 3,329 assessments during 2021-22 which gives a rate of 966 per 10,000. This is a 21% decrease on the previous year. The rate remains however substantially higher than the stat neighbour rate of 671 and England rate of 533 per 10,000.
- Domestic violence and mental health of parents were once again the most common factors identified after assessment in NEL. This is in line with comparators. NELC are however seeing higher % of assessments identifying factors such as domestic abuse, mental health, drug and alcohol misuse, neglect, physical harm and sexual abuse than comparators.
- 1180 Section 47s were initiated in year which is a 24% increase on the previous year. NELC's rate of 342 section enquiries per 10,000 children is now substantially higher than stat neighbour average of 241 and the England average of 180 per 10,000.
- 344 ICPCs were completed in year which is a 16% decrease and is a second year of decreasing numbers. This gives a rate of 100 ICPCs per 10,000 for NELC which is still higher than the stat neighbour average of 81 and the England average of 61 per 10,000.
- 91% of the ICPCs held in year were within 15 days of the S47 starting. This is slightly higher than last year's 87% and better than stat neighbour average of 83% and England average of 79%.
- As at 31st March 2022 NEL had 233 children on a child protection plan, which is a 13% decrease from the previous year and is a second annual decrease. This equates to a rate of 68 per 10,000 which is still above the stat neighbour average of 63 and the England average of 42 per 10,000

- 98% of children subject to CP as at 31st March 2022 had their reviews held in timescales during the year. This is higher than the stat neighbour average of 87% and England average of 89%
- 300 children started on a child protection plan in 2021-22. This is an 11% decrease from the previous year and brings NEL back in line with previous CP start rates seen before the spike in numbers in 2019-20. CP starts however remains higher than stat neighbours (76) and England (53) per 10,000.
- 334 child protection plans ended during 2021-22 which gives a rate of 97 per 10,000. This is a 30% reduction on 2020-21. CP plans ending however remain higher than stat neighbours (70) and England (52) per 10,000.

Children in need as of 31st March 2022

Rate of children in need at 31 March per 10,000 children



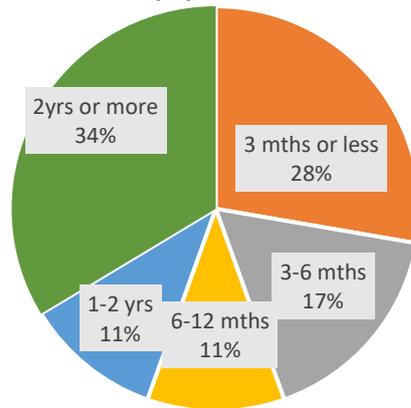
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	rate		from '20-21 to '21-22						
North East Lincolnshire	592.9	576.5	621.7	675.9	679.4	642.5	687.5		Up 7%
Statistical Neighbours	352.8	398.8	404.5	408.0	423.1	398.4	411.4		Up 3%
England	337.3	330.1	341.0	334.2	323.7	321.2	334.3		Up 4%
Lincolnshire	222.8	298.6	238.4	244.2	222.8	216.7	246.7		Up 14%

There were 2369 children in need as of 31st March 2022, which equates to a rate of 688 per 10,000. This has increased by 7% from 2214 CIN as at 31st March 2021. Nationally CIN numbers have seen a 4% increase. The rate of CIN per 10,000 continues to be well above the latest stat neighbour and England average.

Abuse or neglect was the main CIN code with 71% of children who were CIN as at 31st March 2022. This is above the national average of 57% but below stat neighbour rate of 76%. The next highest rate is for family dysfunction with 15% of children which includes domestic violence subcode. This is higher than stat neighbours 8% and England 13%.

10% of children in need episodes had a disability recorded which is in line with 2020-21 and slightly below stat neighbours 11% and England 12%. 38% of children with a disability recorded had a learning disability. This has increased from 35% in 2020-21 and brings us more in line with stat neighbours (41%) and England average (39%).

Case duration of episodes of open at 31st March 2022 (%)



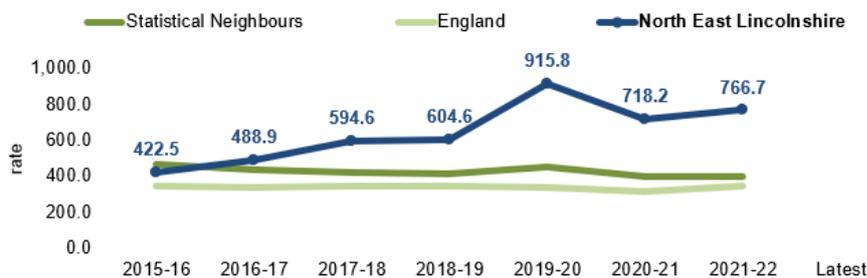
The percentage split of case duration of cases open as at 31st March 2022 is largely in line with England average but NEL had more cases open over 2 years (34%) compared with stat neighbours (31%).

Children in need starting in the year

2,642 episodes of need started in 2021-22 which equates to a rate of 767 per 10,000. This is a 7% increase in episodes starting during the year compared with 2020-21. The rate of CIN episodes starting in year is almost double that of statistical neighbours (396) and over double that of England average (342).

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	422.5	488.9	594.6	604.6	915.8	718.2	766.7		Up 7%
Statistical Neighbours	469.7	436.8	420.4	414.2	454.1	398.7	396.1		Down -1%
England	343.8	339.5	342.8	342.0	339.6	314.2	341.8		Up 9%
Lincolnshire	270.0	357.8	250.1	245.8	242.4	220.0	245.4		Up 12%

Rate of episodes of need starting in the year per 10,000 children

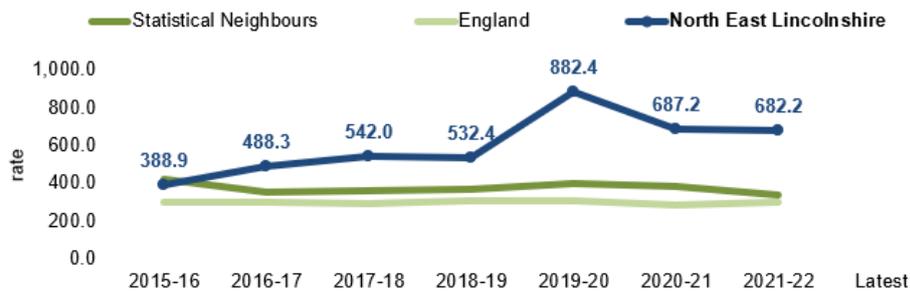


Children in need ending in the year

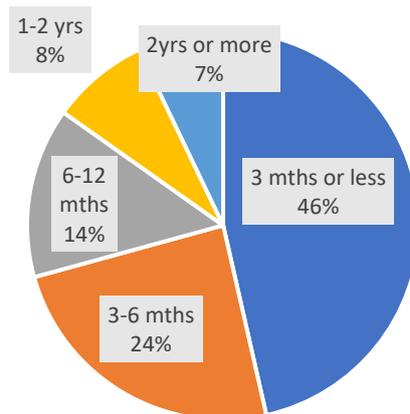
2,351 episodes of need were ended during 2021-22 which is a rate of 682 per 10,000. This is double the stat neighbour rate (341) and England average rate (298). NEL has seen a 1% decrease compared with 10% stat neighbour decrease and 4% England average decrease.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	rate		from '20-21 to '21-22						
North East Lincolnshire	388.9	488.3	542.0	532.4	882.4	687.2	682.2		Down -1%
Statistical Neighbours	418.3	356.2	362.9	368.1	397.8	380.5	340.6		Down -10%
England	302.8	300.3	294.2	303.5	308.6	281.1	297.5		Up 6%
Lincolnshire	290.6	292.1	262.7	205.8	231.0	198.5	190.0		Down -4%

Rate of episode of need ending in the year per 10,000 children



Case duration of episodes of need ending in 2021-22 (%)



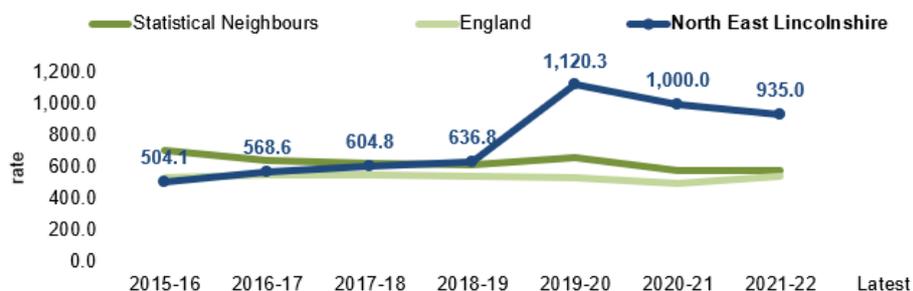
During 2021-22, 46% of CIN cases closed within 3 months or less. This is slightly lower than 49% seen in 2020-21. This is however higher than stat neighbours who had 39% of cases close within 3 months. The England average remains stable at 48%. NEL have seen declining percentages of cases closed after more than 1 year with 8% of cases closing between 1-2 years and 7% which were open 2 years or more. This is lower than stat neighbours or England.

Referrals received in year

NEL received 3,222 referrals during 2021-22 which equates to a rate of 935 per 10,000. This is a 7% reduction on the previous year and is the second annual decrease in the number of referrals received. This however remains far higher than comparators with a rate of almost double to that of statistical neighbours (582) and England (538).

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate		from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	504.1	568.6	604.8	636.8	1,120.3	1,000.0	935.0		Down -7%
Statistical Neighbours	700.7	640.0	623.3	610.9	662.2	581.7	582.0		Up 0%
England	532.2	548.2	552.5	544.5	534.8	494.3	537.7		Up 9%
Lincolnshire	388.2	471.2	510.0	482.1	452.7	415.7	465.6		Up 12%

Rate of referrals per 10,000 children



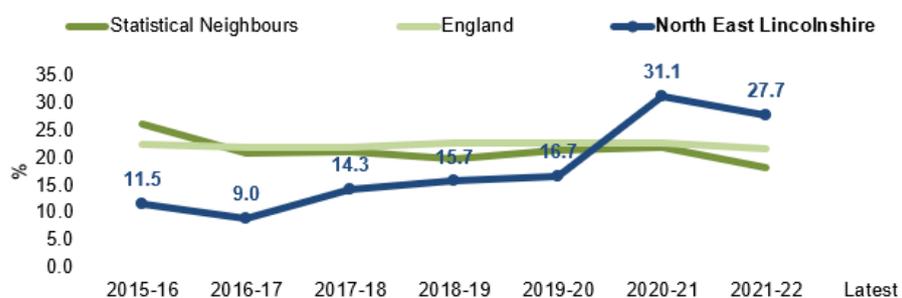
27% of referrals received in 2021-22 were from Police. This is slightly lower than comparators with statistical neighbour receiving 31% and England 30% of referrals from Police. 18% of referrals to NELC were from schools which is slightly higher than stat neighbours 16%. 13% of referrals were received by individuals compared with 9% for stat neighbours.

Re-referrals in year

28% of referrals received during 2022-22 had had a previous referral within the last 12 months. This a reduction from 31% of referrals seen in 2021-22. Re-referrals however remain much higher than stat neighbours (18%) and England average (22%).

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	11.5	9.0	14.3	15.7	16.7	31.1	27.7		Down -11%
Statistical Neighbours	26.0	21.0	21.0	19.8	21.4	21.9	18.2		Down -17%
England	22.5	21.9	21.9	22.6	22.6	22.7	21.5		Down -5%
Lincolnshire	10.3	16.3	21.6	21.6	22.7	21.1	21.3		Up 1%

% Referrals which: Were within 12 months of a previous referral

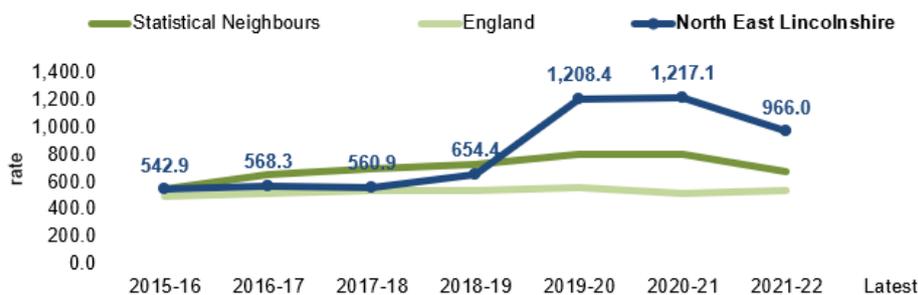


Assessments completed in year

NEL completed 3,329 assessments during 2021-22 which gives a rate of 966 per 10,000. This is a 21% decrease on the 4194 assessments completed in the previous year. This remains however substantially higher than the stat neighbour rate of 671 and England rate of 533 per 10,000.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate		from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	542.9	568.3	560.9	654.4	1,208.4	1,217.1	966.0		Down -21%
Statistical Neighbours	550.4	655.1	690.2	726.2	803.2	800.2	671.0		Down -16%
England	489.5	515.0	531.8	539.3	553.6	517.6	533.4		Up 3%
Lincolnshire	392.6	474.2	511.2	456.9	458.5	410.7	433.3		Up 6%

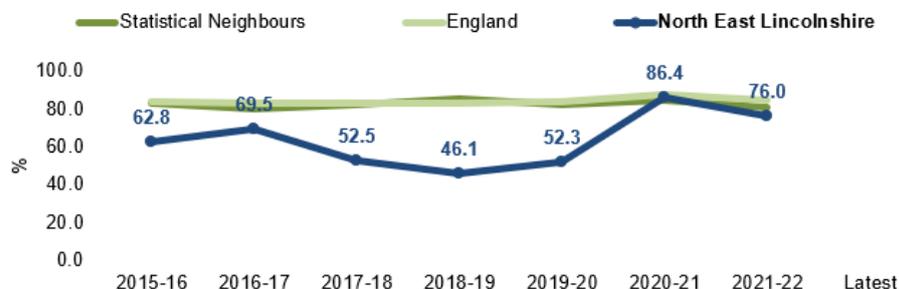
Rate of completed assessments per 10,000 of children aged under 18 years



76% of assessments completed in year were completed within 45 days. This was a decrease from 86% in 2020-21 and is now below the stat neighbour average of 81% and the England average of 85%, which have both also seen decreases but of a smaller scale.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	62.8	69.5	52.5	46.1	52.3	86.4	76.0		Down -12%
Statistical Neighbours	82.7	80.2	82.0	85.2	82.1	84.5	80.7		Down -5%
England	83.4	82.9	82.7	83.1	83.9	87.6	84.5		Down -4%
Lincolnshire	92.9	88.4	95.2	97.0	97.1	96.7	91.5		Down -5%

% Assessment timeliness: within 45 working days



Assessment Factors recorded for assessments completed in year.

Domestic violence and mental health of parents were once again the most common factors identified after assessment in NEL. This is in line with comparators. NEL are however seeing a higher volume of assessments with domestic violence factors than comparators. 43% of assessments identified domestic abuse among parents compared with 37% of stat neighbour assessments and 32% nationally.

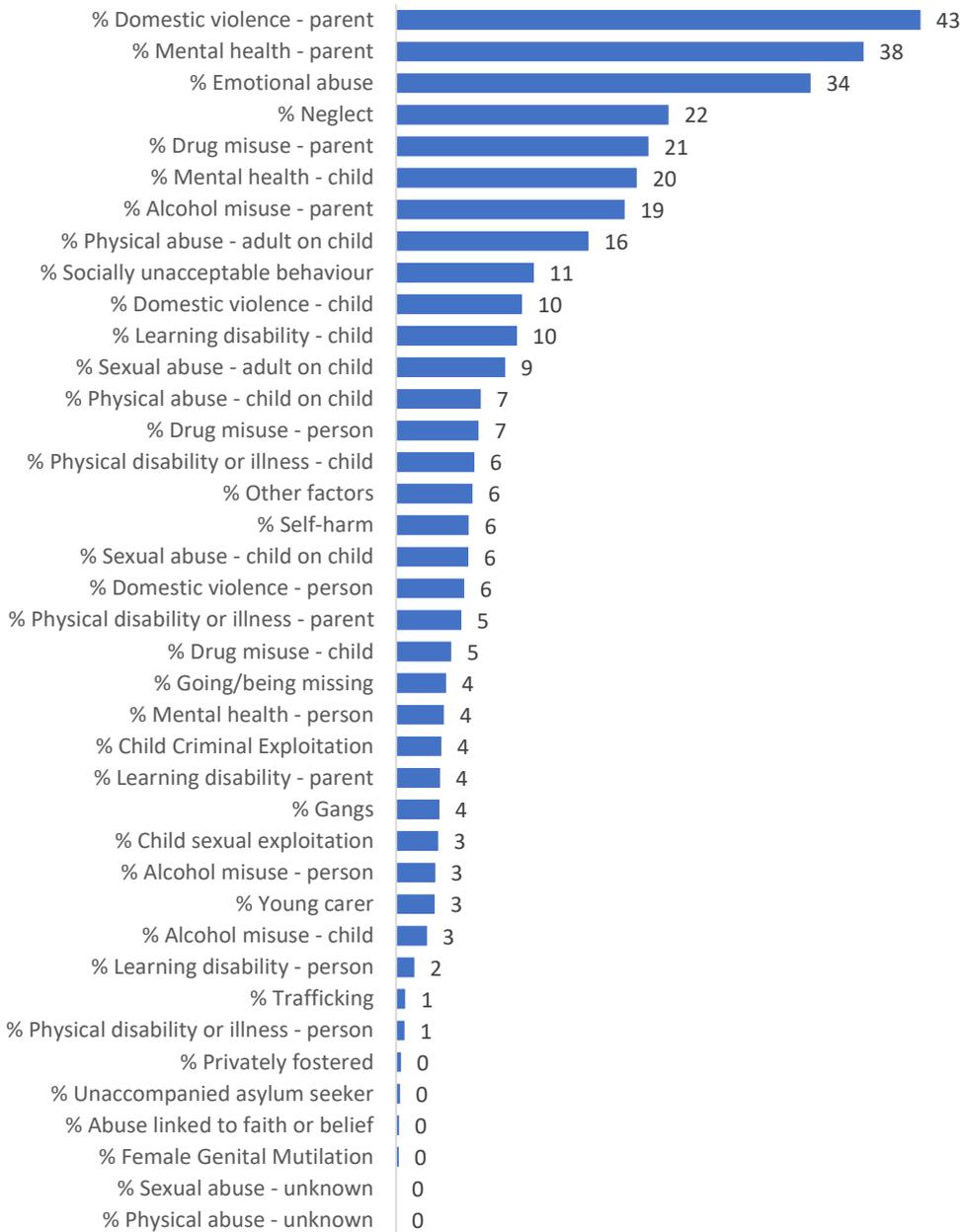
38 % of assessments in NEL identified parental mental health issues as a factor compared with 35% of stat neighbour assessments and 31% of England assessments. 20% of assessments in NEL identified the child's mental health as a factor after assessment which has increased from 17% in 2020-21. This is also higher than stat neighbours (15%) and England average (17%).

Neglect was identified in 22% of assessments which is a slight drop on 24% of assessments in 2020-21. This is higher than stat neighbours (18%) an England average (16%).

Drug misuse by parents was also higher in NEL than comparators with 21% of assessments identifying parental drug misuse compared with 18% stat neighbours and 13% England average. Child drug misuse identified through assessment is in line with comparators at 5%.

Assessments identifying sexual abuse factors were also higher comparatively in NEL with 9% of assessments identifying sexual abuse – adult on child compared with stat neighbours and England averages (4%). 6% of NEL assessments identified child on child sexual abuse compared with 3% stat neighbours and 2% England average.

% of factors identified after assessment 2021-22 (multiple factors can be recorded)

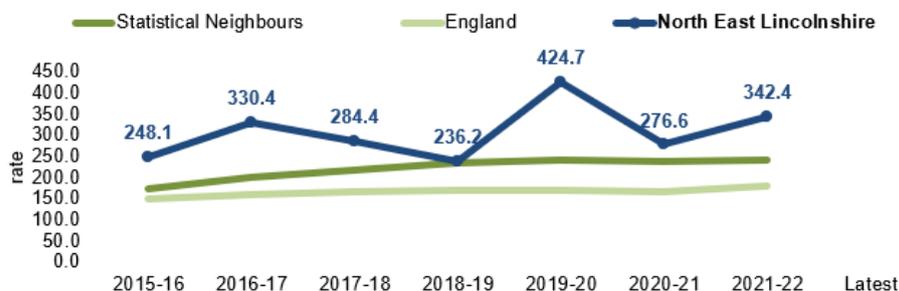


Section 47s initiated in year

1180 Section 47s were initiated in year which is a 24% increase on the previous year compared with a national 10% increase. Although higher than last year, the number of S47s is still 23% lower than 2019-20. NELC's rate of 342 section enquiries per 10,000 children is now substantially higher than stat neighbour average of 241 and the England average of 180 per 10,000. NEL continues to see fluctuating rates of section 47s.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	rate		from '20-21 to '21-22						
North East Lincolnshire	248.1	330.4	284.4	236.2	424.7	276.6	342.4		Up 24%
Statistical Neighbours	172.9	199.2	215.5	232.3	240.3	235.8	241.7		Up 3%
England	147.7	157.6	166.9	168.3	167.2	164.4	180.1		Up 10%
Lincolnshire	81.3	128.3	122.4	96.1	105.0	100.5	94.8		Down -6%

Section 47s in the year as a rate per 10,000 of children aged under 18 years

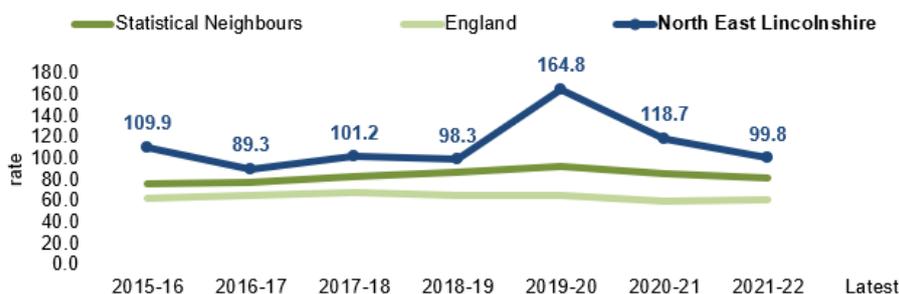


ICPCs held in year

344 ICPCs were completed in year which is a second decreasing year of decreasing numbers. This equates to a 16% decrease from the previous year and a 40% decrease since 2019-20. This gives a rate of 100 ICPCs per 10,000 for NELC which is still higher than the stat neighbour average of 81 and the England average of 61 per 10,000.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate		from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	109.9	89.3	101.2	98.3	164.8	118.7	99.8		Down -16%
Statistical Neighbours	76.0	76.9	81.9	86.7	92.3	85.8	81.4		Down -5%
England	62.6	65.3	67.0	64.8	64.4	60.0	61.0		Up 2%
Lincolnshire	50.5	48.8	38.8	35.2	38.5	36.6	32.0		Down -13%

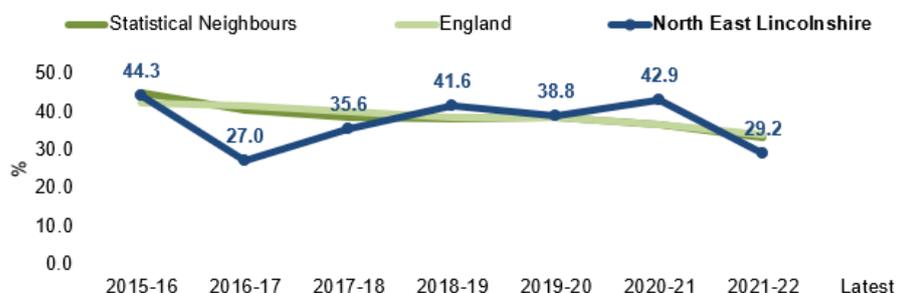
ICPCs in the year as a rate per 10,000 of children aged under 18 years



NELC have held an increasing number of S47s over the year but a decreasing number of ICPCs which has led to a drop in NELC's conversion rate for S47s to ICPC to 29% from 43% in 2020-21. Stat neighbours and England have also seen a decrease in their conversion rates to 33% and 34% respectively, from 37%. Nationally a third of S47s progress to ICPC compared with 29% for NELC.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change from '20-21 to '21-22
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
North East Lincolnshire	44.3	27.0	35.6	41.6	38.8	42.9	29.2		Down -32%
Statistical Neighbours	44.9	40.3	38.4	38.1	38.4	36.6	33.3		Down -9%
England	42.3	41.4	40.1	38.5	38.5	36.5	33.9		Down -7%
Lincolnshire	62.1	38.0	31.7	36.7	36.6	36.4	33.7		Down -7%

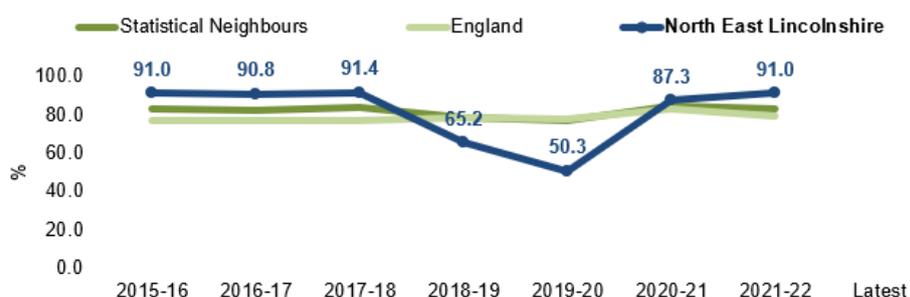
Conversion rate of Section 47 enquiries in the year to ICPCs in the year



91% of the ICPCs held in year were within 15 days of the S47 starting. This is slightly higher than last year's 87% and far higher than stat neighbour average of 83% and England average of 79%. Nationally timeliness from S47 to ICPC has decreased along with stat neighbour timeliness.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change from '20-21 to '21-22
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
North East Lincolnshire	91.0	90.8	91.4	65.2	50.3	87.3	91.0		Up 4%
Statistical Neighbours	82.9	82.3	83.5	78.5	76.7	84.7	83.0		Down -2%
England	76.7	77.2	76.9	78.7	77.7	83.0	79.2		Down -5%
Lincolnshire	95.5	96.7	89.5	92.4	97.5	97.6	95.5		Down -2%

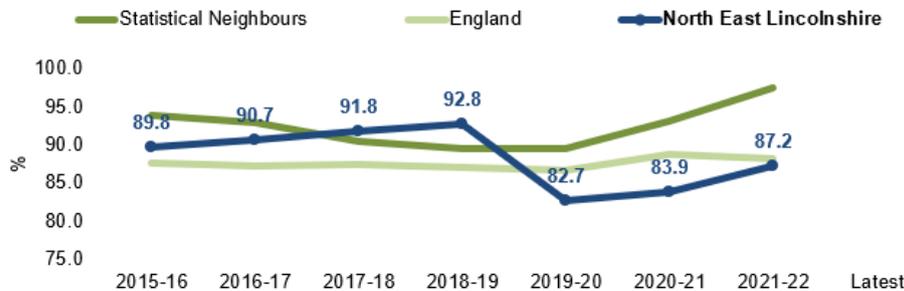
% ICPC timeliness: within 15 working days



The conversion rate of ICPC to CPP was 87% in year which is a positive increase from 83% in 2020-21. This is in line with the national average of 87% but far lower than stat neighbours increasing trend of 97% conversion rate.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	89.8	90.7	91.8	92.8	82.7	83.9	87.2		Up 4%
Statistical Neighbours	93.8	92.8	90.5	89.6	89.5	93.0	97.5		Up 5%
England	87.5	87.2	87.4	87.0	86.7	88.7	88.1		Down -1%
Lincolnshire	60.3	89.7	92.7	91.7	89.9	95.3	97.0		Up 2%

Conversion rate of children with ICPCs in the year to children started CP plans in the year (new 2016-17)

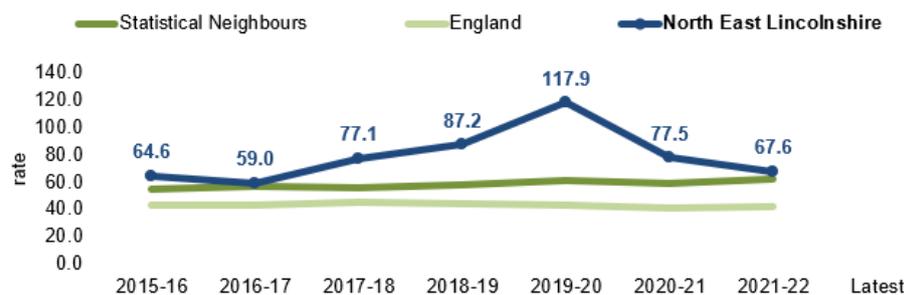


Child protection plans as at 31st March 2022

As at 31st March 2022 NEL had 233 children on a child protection plan, which is a 13% decrease from the previous year and is a second annual decrease. This equates to a rate of 68 per 10,000 which is still above the stat neighbour average of 63 and the England average of 42 per 10,000.

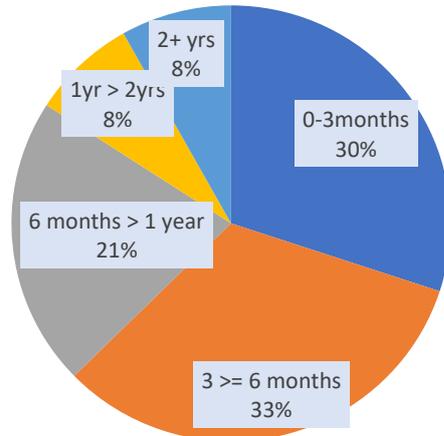
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate		from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	64.6	59.0	77.1	87.2	117.9	77.5	67.6		Down -13%
Statistical Neighbours	54.6	57.0	55.7	57.8	60.6	59.3	62.5		Up 5%
England	43.1	43.3	45.3	43.7	42.8	41.4	42.1		Up 2%
Lincolnshire	18.8	25.7	20.7	21.5	24.2	25.0	25.6		Up 2%

Rate of children who were the subject of a child protection plan at 31 March per 10,000 children



8% of children subject to CP plans as at 31st March 2022 had been subject to a CP plan for over 2 years. This is an increase from 2.6% for the previous year and has now moved NELC well above the stat neighbour average of 2% and England average of 2.5%, (both increased by 0.5%).

CP as at 31st March 2022 - Length of time on plan

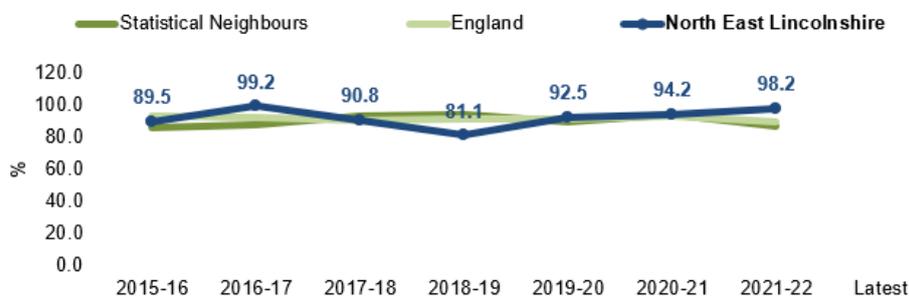


The above graph shows the duration of child protection plans for those open as at 31st March 2022. NEL had slightly higher numbers of children on a plan for over 1 year (8% 1-2 yrs and 8% 2+ yrs). 19 children on a CP plan as at 31st March had been subject to a child protection plan for over 2 years.

98% of children subject to CP as at 31st March 2022 had their reviews held in timescales during the year. This is a third annual increase and is now well above the stat neighbour average of 87% and England average of 89%, both of which dropped in year from 94% and 93% respectively.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	89.5	99.2	90.8	81.1	92.5	94.2	98.2		Up 4%
Statistical Neighbours	85.7	87.8	93.0	94.4	89.3	94.4	87.0		Down -8%
England	93.6	92.1	90.5	91.8	91.5	93.2	89.3		Down -4%
Lincolnshire	100.0	95.8	99.0	99.4	99.2	c	98.1		-

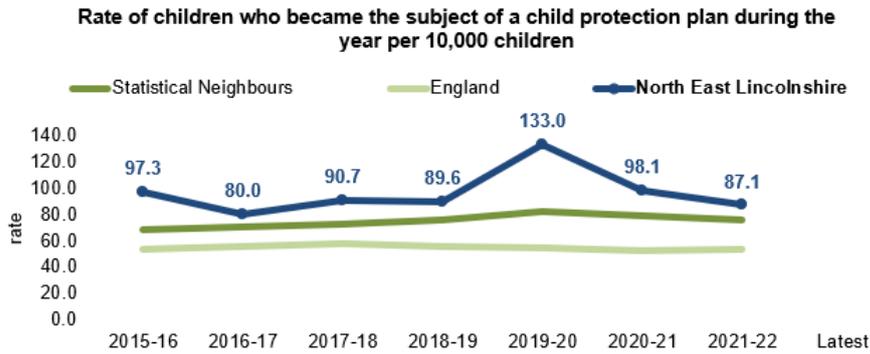
% CPP at 31 March on plan for 3+ months reviewed within timescales



CP starts in year

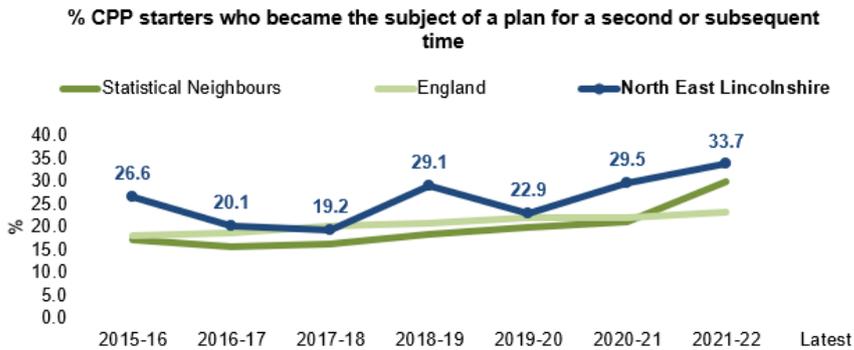
300 children started on a child protection plan in 2021-22. This is an 11% decrease from the 342 children who became CPP in 2020-21 and is our second yearly decrease in numbers bringing NEL back in line with previous CP start rates seen before the spike in numbers in 2019-20. CP starts however remain higher than stat neighbours (76) and England (53) per 10,000.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate		from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	97.3	80.0	90.7	89.6	133.0	98.1	87.1		Down -11%
Statistical Neighbours	68.8	71.0	73.0	75.8	82.2	79.1	76.4		Down -4%
England	54.0	56.2	57.8	55.6	55.1	52.6	53.1		Up 1%
Lincolnshire	30.3	43.1	35.3	32.0	34.6	34.8	30.7		Down -12%

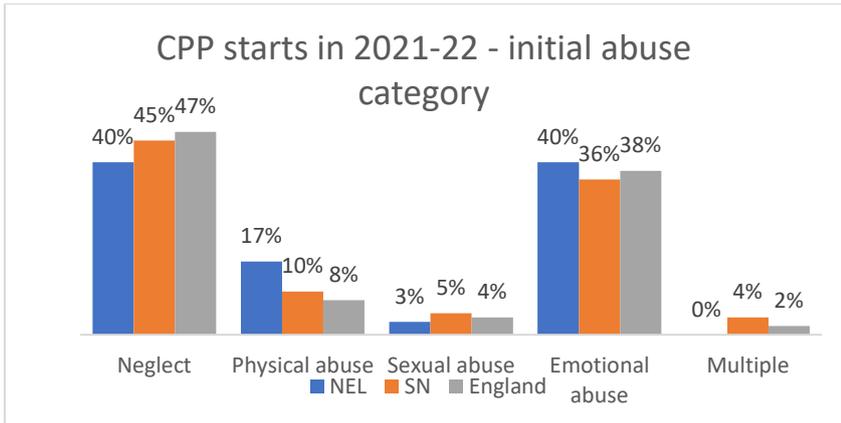


34% of children starting CP during the year were re-registrations, which is a second annual increase. Stat neighbours rate of re-registrations has also increased to 30% from 21%, whilst England average has increased by 1% to 23%.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	26.6	20.1	19.2	29.1	22.9	29.5	33.7		Up 14%
Statistical Neighbours	17.0	15.6	16.4	18.5	20.0	21.0	30.0		Up 43%
England	17.9	18.7	20.2	20.8	21.9	22.1	23.3		Up 5%
Lincolnshire	9.5	14.9	21.1	14.6	15.8	16.5	20.4		Up 24%



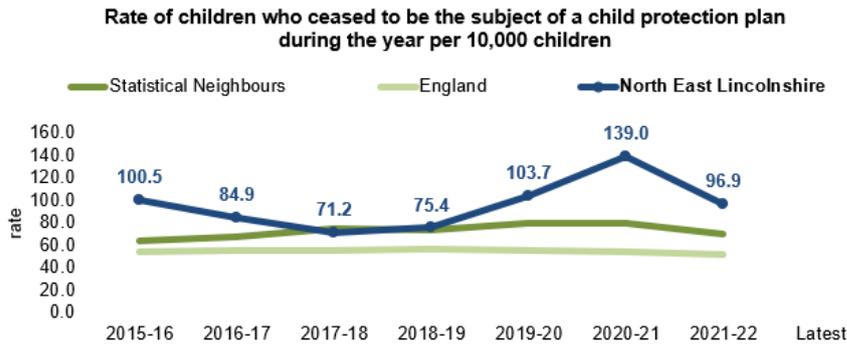
Neglect and emotional abuse were the main initial abuse category when starting on a child protection plan in NEL during 2021-22. NEL saw higher numbers of children starting on a child protection plan for emotional abuse and physical abuse than comparators but saw lower percentages of children starting on a child protection plan for neglect and sexual abuse than comparators.



Child ceasing to be subject to a child protection plan in year

334 child protection plans ended during 2021-22 which gives a rate of 97 per 10,000. This is a 30% reduction on 2020-21. CP plans ending however remain higher than stat neighbours (70) and England (52) per 10,000.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest	% change
	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate		from '20-21 to '21-22
North East Lincolnshire	100.5	84.9	71.2	75.4	103.7	139.0	96.9		Down -30%
Statistical Neighbours	64.0	67.6	74.5	73.0	78.9	80.0	70.0		Down -12%
England	53.6	55.3	55.4	56.6	55.5	53.7	52.0		Down -3%
Lincolnshire	37.7	38.7	40.6	31.0	31.8	33.7	30.3		Down -10%



Of the 334 child protection plans that ended during the year, 26% ended within 3 months or less of the plan start. This is much higher than stat neighbours (14%) and England average (18%). NEL are also seeing far few plans end between 6 months and a year than comparators.

